



Congressional Port Security Caucus

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The Port Security Caucus To Hold First Briefing for the 109th Congress

Ruppertsberger and Brown Work Together to Improve America's Port Security And Keep Commerce Flowing

Washington, DC - Congressman C.A. Dutch Ruppertsberger (D-Maryland) and Congressman Henry Brown (R-South Carolina) will be joined by Port Security Experts for the first Port Security Caucus Briefing of the 109th Congress on Tuesday, May 17th, 2005. The group will analyze the current state of Port Security in America and determine what policies, funding, and standards are necessary to help improve the security of our nation's ports while still keeping commerce flowing.

Congressman Ruppertsberger represents Maryland's 2nd Congressional District that includes the Port of Baltimore. The Port of Baltimore directly employs 16,000 workers, indirectly employs an additional 17,000 people, and generates \$1.5 billion in revenue annually.

Congressman Henry Brown represents South Carolina's 1st Congressional District that includes the Port of Georgetown and the Port of Charleston, the fourth-largest container port in the country and site of DHS Secretary Michael Chertoff's first field visit on March 14th, 2005.

What: First Port Security Caucus Briefing of the 109th Congress

Who: Congressman C.A. Dutch Ruppertsberger (D-Maryland)
Congressman Henry Brown (R-South Carolina)
Caucus Members and Staff
Mr. John Frittelli, The Congressional Research Service
Mr. Jack Riley, RAND Corporation
Dr. James Carafano, The Heritage Foundation

Why: Group Will Discuss the Current State of Port Security and Determine What

Policies, Funding, and Standards are Necessary to Improve Security While
Keeping Commerce Flowing

When: 2:30 pm, Tuesday, May 17th, 2005

Where: 1334 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

The Port Security Caucus was founded in 2003 to provide a bi-cameral, bi-partisan Congressional effort to address security concerns at our nation's ports after the September 11th terrorist attacks. This will be the first in a series of briefings the Caucus will provide for Members and Staff. The Caucus attempts to bring diverse speakers to address Port Security issues facing Congress providing a forum for varying perspectives and solutions.

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